



# License Agent News



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[www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/index.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/index.html)

### CalTIP

Report poaching or polluting incidents at  
(888) DFG-CALTIP or (888) 334-2258



## 2009 Abalone Report Cards

Enclosed is your shipment of 2009 Abalone Report Cards. Please check your shipment for discrepancies (i.e. missing or defective books, extra books not on the shipping report) if any, notify the License Agent Compliance Unit within five business days. Once verified, please start selling immediately.

## Redesigned Abalone Report Cards

The 2009 Abalone Report Cards were redesigned and is a two page card. The abalone tags are larger giving the divers more room to write on the tags. The Department stub copy has been moved and is now after the Abalone Report Card; therefore, the customers' information is written directly on the Abalone Report Card. The instructions for persons taking abalone and the summary of abalone regulations are on the second page; **please give both pages to the customer.**

## Instructions for Issuance

Issue an Abalone Report Card to **any** person who will be taking abalone. Persons who are not required to have a sport fishing license, such as persons under 16 years of age and persons fishing on free fishing days, **are required to have an Abalone Report Card to take abalone.**

Divers are only allowed to purchase one Abalone Report Card per license year, and the Abalone Report Card number must be recorded on the diver's sport fishing license at the time of purchase, except when the diver is not required to have a sport fishing license (i.e. on free fishing days and persons under 16 years of age). The instructions for issuance are located on the back of the front cover.

## 2009 Free Fishing Days

Free Fishing days for 2009 are **July 4 and September 7**. On Free Fishing Days, a license and stamps are not required; however, all regulations, such as seasons, bag limits and method of take restrictions apply.

On Free Fishing Days, every angler must have the appropriate report card if they fish for salmon in the Klamath-Trinity River System, abalone, steelhead, sturgeon or spiny lobster.

## Abalone Diver Safety and Resource Protection Posters

In 2007, the Mendocino Land Trust (MLT) received a California Coastal Commission Whale Tail Grant to develop and translate educational materials for abalone diver safety into Spanish, Hmong, Mandarin Chinese, Tagalog, Korean, and Vietnamese. Brochures in each of the seven languages can be found on MLT's website at:

[www.mendocinolandtrust.org/?Coastal\\_Access:Whale\\_Tail\\_Grant](http://www.mendocinolandtrust.org/?Coastal_Access:Whale_Tail_Grant)

The ocean safety and abalone resource protection information found in the brochures was developed into the enclosed poster to allow for wider distribution. Please place this poster in a visible location where Abalone Report Cards are sold. Additional posters may be requested through MLT. Please contact Coastal Access Program Manager Tamira Jones by telephone at (707) 962-0470, or email [tjones@mendocinolandtrust.org](mailto:tjones@mendocinolandtrust.org).

## Delivery of License Orders

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) uses United Parcel Service (UPS) to ship license orders. The COD fee is **\$9.00**. Please remember to make all checks and money orders payable to DFG, and include your agent account number and order ID number, when possible.

## Abalone Season & Bag Limit

Abalone may only be taken from the counties of Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte. The season is open during the months of April, May, June, August, September, October and November. Three abalone per person each day; no more than three abalone may be possessed at any one time. Only red abalone at least seven inches in the longest shell diameter may be taken.

## Abalone Reminders...

- Abalone divers are required to immediately complete the tags and attach them to all abalone taken, and record the data on the corresponding line of the Abalone Report Card.
- Abalone Tags must be left affixed to the shell, including while stored at a residence or non-transient location, until the abalone is processed for immediate consumption.
- Abalone taken on free fishing days count toward the seasonal limit and must be tagged and recorded on the Abalone Report Card.
- Lost or destroyed Abalone Report Cards **may only be replaced** at a Department of Fish and Game office. To obtain a duplicate, the diver is required to have **a photocopy** of their original Abalone Report Card **and proof of purchase**.
- No credit will be issued on returned Abalone Report Cards with missing Abalone Tags.
- Collect on Delivery (COD) License Agents are required to return all fully sold Abalone Report Card Department copies (stubs from books) monthly.

**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR LICENSE SALES EMPLOYEES  
TO BETTER SERVE YOUR CUSTOMERS.**